



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Environmental Restoration Committee**

#### **Meeting Summary**

April 22, 2002  
Desoto Hilton  
Savannah, GA

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#### **CAB Members**

Jimmy Mackey\*

Ann Dalton\*

Marty Stringer\*

Judy Barnett\*

Nancy Ann Ciehanski\*

#### **Stakeholders**

Rick McLeod, CAB Tech. Adv.

Bill Grayson, Sierra Club

#### **Regulators**

Charles Gorman, SCDHEC

Jim Barksdale, EPA-4

Keith Collinsworth, SCDHEC

#### **DOE/Contractors**

de'Lisa Bratcher, DOE

Paul Saureborn, WSRC

Ed McNamee, BSRI

\* Members of the ER Committee

Note: Perry Holcomb of the ER Committee was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **Introduction**

Jimmy Mackey introduced himself and asked other attendees to identify themselves.

#### **Schedule Review**

Paul Sauerborn reviewed the 2002 schedule. He asked that if anyone had additional items to be reviewed to tell Mr. Mackey or Mr. Sauerborn.

#### **Motion Review**

**General Separations Area Consolidation Unit** – Jimmy Mackey led the discussion on this motion. Mr. Mackey stated that the scope of the remedial action was as follows:

1. Closure of the 22 Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground (ORWBG) old solvent tanks under an interim action.
2. Removal of highly contaminated soils/material from Warner's Pond, H-Area Retention Basin, and HP-52 Ponds and consolidation at pre-determined locations within the ORWBG.
3. Backfill and cover of excavated areas in Warner's Pond, H-Area Retention Basin, and HP-52 Ponds.
4. Install an engineered cover system over the entire ORWBG, including the 22 old solvent tanks.
5. Activation of institutional controls and installation of intruder barriers over persistent "hot spots" after the loss of institutional controls.

Mr. Mackey stated that there were three points to the recommendation as follows:

1. SRS utilize the Cleanup Reform Appropriations (CRA) to request additional funds to accelerate the ultimate closure of the General Separations Area Consolidation Unit.
2. SRS provide the SRS CAB a briefing on the Proposed Plan including milestones and cost estimates by June 18, 2002.
3. SRS provide a list to the SRS CAB of any and all additional areas where the consolidation unit cleanup approach can be utilized in an accelerated manner by January 23, 2003 or earlier.

As there was little discussion, minor changes were approved to move forward to the Full Board for Recommendation consideration.

Billy Grayson of the Savannah, Georgia chapter of the Sierra Club was in attendance and asked Mr. Mackey for his occupational background. Mr. Mackey stated that he was employed as a Department of Defense Contract Administrator in Beaufort, South Carolina.

**Cleanup Reform Appropriations** – Nancy Ann Ciehanski led the discussion on this motion. Ms. Ciehanski noted that since the current cleanup plan takes too long and costs too much the Secretary of Energy, directed that the Top-To-Bottom review be performed. An independent review team was formed to conduct the review. The review team identified a major flaw in the approach taken by EM. The EM's major emphasis has been on managing risk, rather than actually reducing risk to workers, the public, and the environment. They recommended that EM adopt an accelerated, risk-based cleanup program.

Within the SRS Environmental Restoration program, three initiatives were identified that accelerate risk reduction and cleanup. One involved the accelerated closure of the Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground (ORWBG), another one accelerated contaminant reduction in Fourmile Branch, and the third initiative accelerates risk reduction through innovative technologies and improved processes.

Ms. Ciehanski stated that the motion contains three recommendation items, they are as follows:

1. DOE-HQ approve the SRS Environmental Restoration (ER) Division's funding proposal requests under the Cleanup Reform Appropriations (CRA) as soon as possible to accelerate all ER priority cleanup efforts.
2. SRS provide a plan of action and milestones on all planned accelerated risk reduction and cleanup projects consistent with site workers and public safety.
3. SRS provides to the SRS CAB an early opportunity to review the Integrated Priority Lists with cost estimates and any/all in-scope revisions to the SRS Environmental Restoration cleanup effort and its future out-year budgets beginning with FY2003 and FY2004.

Ann Hodge, a resident of Savannah, Ga. asked why Hanford was given \$430M of the \$800M, when Savannah River and other DOE Sites had yet to submit their proposals? Mr. Mackey stated that SRS would present their proposal to DOE-HQ on schedule, and that he also was very concerned about this precedent. Mr. Mackey stated that this motion would help the ER Program with its proposal requesting additional funding. Nancy Ann Ciehanski noting no other discussion, minor word changes were made to the motion and approved. The motion will move forward to the Full Board for Recommendation consideration.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Mackey asked for public comments. There were none, and the meeting was closed.

*Handouts of the meeting may be obtained by calling 1-800-8155.*